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Letter dated 11 October 1999 from the Chairman of the Committee on Information to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

I wish to recall that the General Assembly, in its resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997, had requested that a report on the integration of United Nations information centres with the United Nations Development Programme be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session. In a letter dated 12 October 1998, the Chairman of the Committee on Information informed the Chairman of the Fifth Committee that the report requested in that resolution would be considered by the Committee on Information at its twenty-first session in 1999.

Last May, the Committee on Information had before it a report of the Secretary-General on the integration of United Nations information centres with field offices of the United Nations Development Programme (A/AC.198/1999/3). Following extensive debate, in its recommendations to the General Assembly (A/54/21, chap. IV, draft resolution B, para. 21), the Committee requested the Secretary-General "to carry out a case-by-case review of, and submit his proposals on the functioning of, the integrated centres on a priority basis, in full consultation with the host Governments, and to submit a report during the twenty-second session of the Committee on Information".

Accordingly, a further report of the Secretary-General on the integration of United Nations information centres with field offices of the United Nations Development Programme will be considered by the Committee on Information at its session scheduled for May 2000. Following due deliberation on the report, the Committee will submit its recommendations to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session.

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